

OPENING LECTURE TEXT OF THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF QUÉBEC

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I am pleased to welcome you to this conference to mark some anniversaries. As the Secretary General and the Dean of the Faculty of Political Science and Law of UQÀM have pointed out, these are very important anniversaries.

This conference, entitled *Fifty Years of Citizen Inclusion*, is intended to highlight the adoption in 1969 of two of the most important laws: the *1968-69 Act to Amend the Criminal Law* and the *Official Languages Act*. However, we thought it was important, in the circumstances, to add two other anniversaries, one marking the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Université du Québec and its constituents, including UQÀM, as well as the fiftieth anniversary of the Québec legislation granting First Nations the right to vote. Also, the holding of this conference at UQÀM highlight the importance of this great institution in Quebec.

This conference would not have been possible without the financial collaboration of Canadian Heritage, which allowed us to take the stenographic notes of the presentations of the various conferences and covered the costs of holding it. I would also like to acknowledge the exceptional collaboration of the Centre d'accès à l'information juridique (CAIJ), which graciously offered to post online the content of this conference.

The lectures will be presented in full and will be accessible on eBook. In addition, we will be able to find case law as well as doctrine related to the various themes discussed during this conference. It should be noted that the paper edition of the conference book will be available from Éditions Yvon Blais

Seminars of the Lieutenant Governor of Québec:

50 years of legal changes for citizen's inclusiveness

In closing, I would like to sincerely thank our speakers for so kindly accepting our request to participate in this conference. Thanks also to our session chairs for their support. Finally, my appreciation to the Barreau du Québec, which has always been an exceptional partner during the various conferences held over the years.

I hope you will enjoy this conference celebrating these important anniversaries. Thank you.